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I have the honour to forward to you herewith the text of a statement issued on 5 February 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement issued on 5 February 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

Following recent events in Armenia, certain announcements are being made alleging that there is a danger that military operations will resume in the Nagorny Karabakh conflict zone. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia categorically rejects such unsubstantiated and exploitative statements and expresses serious concern in their regard.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers such statements and comments to be a deceptive interpretation of recent events which fundamentally obstruct the logical development of the Nagorny Karabakh peace process.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reasserts its commitment to adhere to the 12 May 1994 ceasefire and is firm in its determination to utilize all means to transform the ceasefire into a stable and durable peace.

Once again we affirm our unwavering position that the Nagorny Karabakh conflict must be resolved within the framework of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk process through negotiation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is convinced that negotiation and dialogue represent the only path towards the establishment of stable peace and mutual trust in the region and towards the resolution of regional problems.